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The Gary Memorial U.M. Church  
Daniels  
Private

1879

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Constructed in 1879 by James A. Gary, in memory of his father, James A. Gary, who formed the James S. Gary and Son Manufacturing Company and acquired the Alberton Manufacturing Company, then called the Sagoman Manufacturing Company, located at what today is called Daniels.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-140  
E.C. Quad.  
Dist. 2

MAGI# 1401401608

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gary Memorial United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Daniels Road

CITY, TOWN

Daniels (Ellicott City, Vivian City)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gary Memorial United Methodist Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Daniels

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 17, p. 627  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 714

Folio #: 157

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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#### THE MAIN ENTRANCE

Eight wide granite block steps, flanked by an iron rail, leads to the main, double entrance door, located on the north wall of the entry-bell tower, surmounted by a blocked in, gothic arched transom, all of which is encased within a played brick, gothic arched, lintel which terminates at the line of a brick belt course running along this elevation, and covered by a jerkin roofed hood, held by large wooden brackets, decorated with scalloped barge boards. The base of the square entry-bell tower extends westward, covered by a hipped roof at low ground level which belongs to a part of the very interesting tripartite roof line of the original ashlar granite block west elevation appendage.

#### THE ENTRY-BELL TOWER

The entry-bell tower features a great deal of decoration in 1) The four wrought iron grills and gothic arched insets of the four gothic windows placed on each elevation of the square entry-bell tower 2) The stretcher brick, gothic arched lintels for these windows, which are decorated with keystones and whose lintels terminate to meet a brick belt course, which runs around the perimeter of the tower. 3) The three additional brick belt courses, which run around the perimeter of the tower between the top of the jerkin roofed hood of the entry and the base of the four gothic arched, tower windows. 4) Two corbeled brick belt courses which run beneath the corbeled brick and wooden cornice of the bell tower's tent roof, which is decorated by ten wooden brackets and beneath by seven corbeled brick brackets. 5) The flat slate jerkin roofed dormers, which hold semi-circular openings, decorating each elevation of the

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slate, tent roof of the tower.

#### FENESTRATION

Fenestration for the entire building features gothic arched, double-hung windows, surmounted by stretcher brick lintels, decorated with stone keys and underlined by flat stone lintels with square turned up terminations. The east and west walls hold three tiny, sharply pointed, gothic arched, previously mentioned windows, similarly decorated, the central of which holds five wrought iron vents. The flanking windows, three.

#### STYLISTIC DETAIL

The building is characterized by this gothic arched fenestration and by the several brick belt courses which run around the perimeter of the building. In addition, a corbeled brick belt course, some twelve inches beneath the roofline, interrupted by flat, granite block pilasters between each window of the nave is an additional decorative or stylistic detail. A brick belt course, interrupted by stone lintels with turned ends, decorating each nave window runs around the perimeter of the building, as well as another, totally uninterrupted, which decorates the stone water table some 18" to 20" below the previously mentioned belt course.

#### NORTH ELEVATION

Set into a slope of land, the north elevation is exposed sufficiently to hold three vertically aligned double-hung, rectangular basement windows, holding three-over-three lights, and a rectangular basement entrance, all of which are decorated with flat stretcher brick lintels. The basement entrance is located in the second west bay of this wall. No basement apertures lie in the east bay. Five large, double-hung, gothic arched nave windows punctuate this wall, decorated as already described and separated by flat, granite block pilasters which continue to the line of the water table and thence to its base. A cornerstone, inscribed 1879 is located on the west end of this north wall.

#### SOUTH ELEVATION

This elevation is very similar to the north elevation except that no basement windows occur at this elevation and the water table is at ground level with the nave holding four windows and its east bay holding a rectangular, battenwood entrance door, covered by a jerkin roofed hood, similar to that covering the north entrance to the church. A square stone and brick chimney stack, entirely separated from the south wall rests between the second and third west bay.

#### WEST ELEVATION

The west wall of the main block of the church has already been described, but additionally we have a tripartite, one story high, ashlar granite block section constructed along this elevation, whose central roofline is a taller jerkin roof, flanked by lower hipped roof sections. Centered beneath the jerkin roof line on the west elevation has been placed a circular window, now blocked in, decorated around the upper half of the circle by stretcher bricks with central stone key, and around the lower half of the circle by a row of header bricks. A gothic arched,

Double-hung window, holding eight-over-eight lights, decorated as already described is placed in the lower south side of this section's west wall, which continues flush with the hipped roof section to the south, which holds a similar window with similar decorations, holding seven-over-six lights. The south wall of this south section holds a central brick chimney and a small gothic arched window.



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES                      1879                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gary Memorial United Methodist Church is important to Howard County and the State of Maryland historically, as a part of the local history of Daniels, Maryland and architecturally, as a fine example of Howard County Gothic brick architecture.

Historically, the church is a part of the history of Daniels, once known as Elysville, after the Elysville Company, who acquired the "Limestone Valley" tract and part of another tract called "John's Beginning" from Thomas Ely in 1836, constructing a three story stone mill, designed by a Mr. Timanus here in 1841. In 1846 the Okisko Manufacturing Company bought the mill and in 1853 Alberton Manufacturing Company was incorporated and acquired the Okisko Company. The Elysville Post Office was renamed Alberton in 1854.

By 1856, according to an article by Ms. Joan Collins on Daniels in the September, 1979 Heritage, a publication of Historic Ellicott City, "the community consisted of the mill, an oakum factory, a store, church, school, and 106 inhabitants".

The Alberton Manufacturing Company was short lived, first acquired by the Sagoman Manufacturing Company and in 1858, by the James S. Gary and Son Manufacturing Company, after James S. Gary, one of the Sagoman directors, who took over the company. A son, James A. Gary and a Grandson, E. Stanley Gary both served in the family's manufacturing firm.

The Gary Memorial Methodist Church was constructed in 1879 as a memorial to his father, James S. Gary by his son James A. Gary.

According to Ms. Collins, Mr. Gary, senior was a "self-made" man, who began working at the age of five, following his own father's death.

James Albert Gary, his son, was born in Connecticut in 1833 served for a brief time as Post Master-General under President McKinley, and

Not only did James A. Gary have the Methodist Church built, but he also advised a theological student at Woodstock College, Father Van Krivel, that a lot and \$750 would be donated toward the establishment of a Catholic Mission at Alberton, which became St. Stanislas Kostka. Ms. Collins relates that in winter, the priest would skate down the river, conduct Sunday Service, and skate back to Woodstock.

Not only is Gary Memorial Methodist Church significant in the local history of the community, which is now called Daniels, but it is also a notable eclectic structure of the late nineteenth century, blending Howard County granite block architecture with the Gothic Revival Style of that period, and a flavor of the Medieval French Style in its conical roofed, entrance-belfry tower, the roof of which seems to float above the tower, with this visual impression caused by the corbeled brick cornice at the base of the conical roof of the tower.

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Notable both historically and architecturally, the Gary Memorial Methodist Church, adjoining the National Register District of Daniels, Maryland, is one of Howard County's finest landmarks.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Joan Collins "Daniels - History of a Lost River Valley," Heritage  
Ellicott City, September, 1979

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.58 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 17

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 714 Folio 157

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

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CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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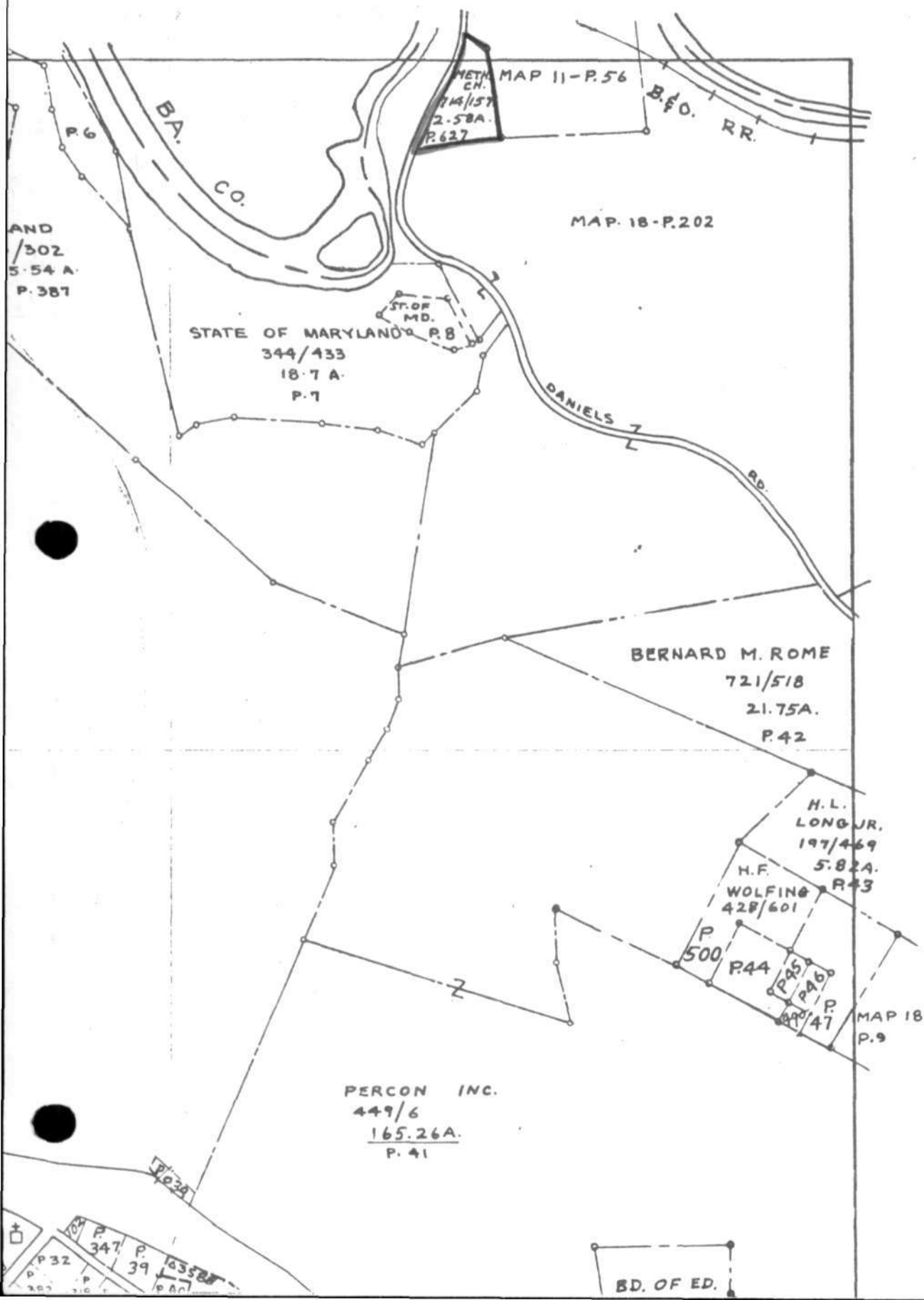
Stone 19<sup>th</sup> Century Church  
up hill from the mills —

located by MAB - 7/21/20

same as Daniel's Mill

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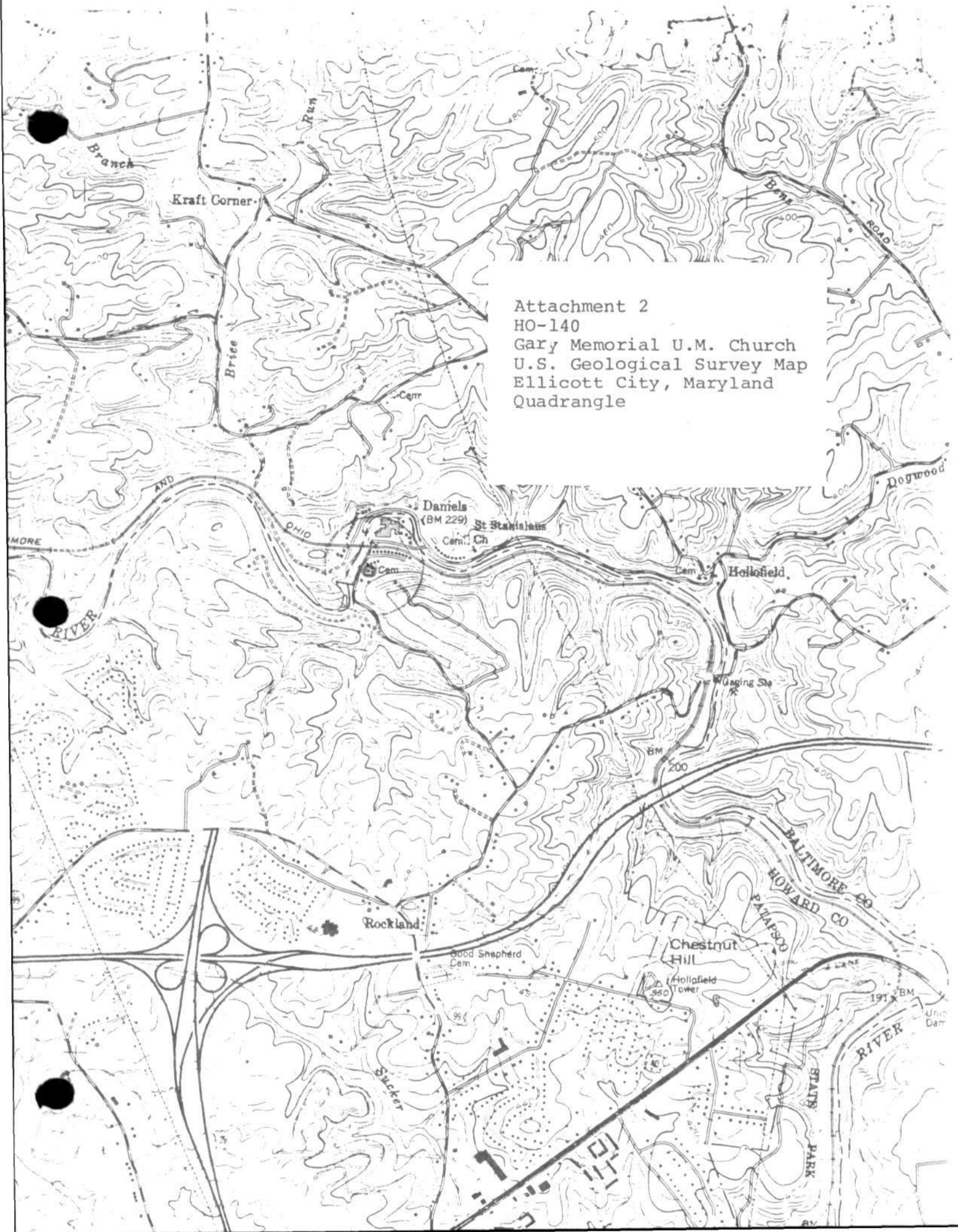
Tax Map 17



Attachment 2

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Gary Memorial U.M. Church  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
Quadrangle





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GARY MEMORIAL MECHANICAL

NORTH EAST  
JAN '80

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